

REMARKS


Claims 1-24 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 25-34 are currently pending in the application.

Claim 8, 17-18, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al. (US 6,665,010) in view of Takada et al. (US 6,831,691). Claims 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morris et al. (US 6,665,010) in view of Takada et al. (US 6,831,691) and further in view of Abe (US 6,747,698). These rejections are now moot in light of the cancellation of these claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 25-34. Applicant has cancelled claims 8, 17, 18, and 21-23 to let claims 25-34 issue. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any and all cancelled claims in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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